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WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a dry week in New Mexico with temperatures well above normal. The statewide average was nearly 9 degrees above normal. Afternoon temperatures reached the 50's at mountainous locations and the 60's and lower 70's at lower elevations. Animas Deming and Alamogordo were the only spots to measure precipitation, and Animas (.13") was the only place that received as much as a tenth of an inch.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JANUARY 17 - 23, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	01/17 01/23	01/01 01/23	Normal Jan	01/01 01/23	Normal Jan-Jan
Farmington	39.6	56	24	0.00	0.73	0.59	0.73	0.59
Gallup	39.9	61	18	0.00	1.20	0.80	1.20	0.80
Capulin	39.9	66	18	0.00	0.89	0.40	0.89	0.40
Chama	33.9	58	8	0.00	1.52	1.77	1.52	1.77
Johnson Ranch	37.2	59	17	0.00	0.15	0.67	0.15	0.67
Las Vegas	42.7	66	20	0.00	0.76	0.60	0.76	0.60
Los Alamos	39.9	58	26	0.00	1.06	0.86	1.06	0.86
Raton	39.6	66	17	0.00	0.64	0.47	0.64	0.47
Red River	29.7	53	7	0.00	1.41	1.07	1.41	1.07
Santa Fe	41.4	62	22	0.00	0.36	0.63	0.36	0.63
Clayton	45.0	74	16	0.00	0.41	0.24	0.41	0.24
Clovis	43.6	71	19	0.00	0.63	0.39	0.63	0.39
Roy	42.9	67	20	0.00	0.94	0.34	0.94	0.34
Tucumcari	43.7	73	18	0.00	0.68	0.28	0.68	0.28
Grants	39.5	63	17	0.00	0.70	0.49	0.70	0.49
Quemado	39.0	62	18	0.00	0.24	0.83	0.24	0.83
Silver City	45.0	62	27	0.00	2.21	1.16	2.21	1.16
Albuquerque	44.4	60	27	0.00	0.76	0.44	0.76	0.44
Carrizozo	43.0	65	21	0.00	0.72	0.60	0.72	0.60
Socorro	43.1	61	21	0.00	0.79	0.39	0.79	0.39
Gran Quivera	42.9	63	23	0.00	0.82	0.70	0.82	0.70
Moriarty	38.6	62	11	0.00	0.62	0.43	0.62	0.43
Ruidoso	41.4	64	20	0.00	1.40	1.12	1.40	1.12
Carlsbad	44.5	70	22	0.00	0.15	0.35	0.15	0.35
Roswell	41.1	69	18	0.00	0.29	0.43	0.29	0.43
Tatum	41.6	72	18	0.00	0.62	0.39	0.62	0.39
Alamogordo	49.7	64	35	0.05	1.08	0.67	1.08	0.67
Animas	48.9	65	31	0.13	1.40	0.68	1.40	0.68
Deming	48.2	65	27	0.04	0.92	0.56	0.92	0.56
Las Cruces	48.6	65	28	0.00	0.59	0.46	0.59	0.46
T or C	47.9	65	29	0.00	0.77	0.46	0.77	0.46

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk Production in New Mexico during December totaled 530 million pounds, up from the previous month's total of 520 million pounds. Production per cow in the state increased to an average of 1,650 pounds for December. Number of milk cows on farms was down to 321,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from December 2003. November revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from November 2003. The November revision represented an increase of 5 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,602 pounds for December, 6 pounds above December 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 47,000 head more than December 2003, but 4,000 head less than November 2004.

Milk Cows and Production: November 2004 ^{1/} and December 2003-2004

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	12/03	11/04	12/04	12/03	11/04	12/04	12/03	11/04	12/04
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	155	168	166	1,895	1,760	1,890	294	296	314
CA	1,697	1,741	1,741	1,740	1,700	1,775	2,953	2,960	3,090
FL	140	137	138	1,355	1,250	1,375	190	171	190
ID	412	434	435	1,800	1,720	1,780	742	746	774
IL	109	106	106	1,585	1,450	1,540	173	154	163
IN	145	154	155	1,700	1,560	1,620	247	240	251
IA	196	190	188	1,580	1,520	1,590	310	289	299
KY	112	109	110	1,070	1,030	1,075	120	112	118
MI	300	306	307	1,765	1,660	1,725	530	508	530
MN	465	460	460	1,485	1,390	1,475	691	639	679
MO	124	120	119	1,250	1,215	1,270	155	146	151
NM	324	324	321	1,730	1,605	1,650	561	520	530
NY	657	646	646	1,480	1,410	1,485	972	911	959
OH	258	266	266	1,440	1,390	1,460	372	370	388
PA	562	563	565	1,480	1,420	1,490	832	799	842
TX	317	320	319	1,575	1,455	1,555	499	466	496
VT	146	144	143	1,505	1,415	1,515	220	204	217
VA	106	104	104	1,335	1,360	1,420	142	141	148
WA	241	235	235	1,900	1,825	1,920	458	429	451
WI	1,247	1,237	1,236	1,485	1,415	1,490	1,852	1,750	1,842
20 STS	7,713	7,764	7,760	1,596	1,526	1,602	12,313	11,851	12,432

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 126,000 on January 1st, 2005, down 3,000 head from the previous month. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 14,000 head, unchanged from November. Marketings were down 1,000 to 15,000 head. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on January 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2004 and 6 percent above January 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2003 and 14 percent above 2002. Net placements were 1.74 million. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent above 2003 but 1 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 92,000 during December, 2 percent above 2003 but 7 percent below 2002.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}												
	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	1/1/04	12/1/04	1/1/05	-----DURING-----								
				12/03	11/04	12/04	12/03	11/04	12/04	12/03	11/04	12/04
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	293	329	331	32	35	33	22	23	30	1	4	1
CA	510	530	535	70	66	72	55	53	62	5	8	5
CO	1,040	1,100	1,080	180	175	135	190	155	145	10	10	10
ID	300	305	295	53	50	55	60	48	62	3	2	3
IA	370	435	450	50	90	71	48	82	55	2	3	1
KS	2,430	2,390	2,410	410	390	490	435	370	450	25	30	20
NE	2,280	2,300	2,300	350	410	390	340	310	380	10	10	10
NM	115	129	126	14	14	14	17	16	15	3	3	2
OK	355	355	350	53	43	53	45	44	52	3	4	6
SD	200	186	192	31	51	42	30	33	34	1	1	2
TX	2,830	2,740	2,700	420	320	405	410	430	420	20	30	25
WA	200	185	190	30	37	39	38	31	32	2	1	2
Oth Sts	330	360	350	55	62	35	50	30	40	5	2	5
US	11,253	11,344	11,309	1,748	1,743	1,834	1,740	1,625	1,777	90	108	92

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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The following estimates, forecasts, and projections are mainly taken from recent publications of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Economic Research Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board of the USDA.

Cotton. All cotton production is forecast at 22.8 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from the November 1 forecast and 25 percent above last year's production. Yield is expected to average a record high 828 pounds per harvested acre, surpassing the previous record of 730 pounds set in 2003. The World Agricultural Outlook Board's (WAOB) global projections include sharply higher production and slightly higher consumption. Projected world ending stocks are raised 4% to 46.5 million bales.

Corn. The 2004 corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, up 16% from last year. The average yield is forecast at 160.2 bushels per acre, up 18.0 bushels from a year ago. WAOB projected 2004/05 U.S. ending stocks are up 25 million bushels from last month as smaller exports are partially offset by larger industrial and feed use. A market year average price between \$1.70 and \$2.10 per bushel is expected, compared with \$2.42 for the 2003 crop.

Wheat. All wheat production totaled 2.16 billion bushels in 2004, down 8% from 2003. The average yield is 43.2 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushel from last year. WAOB projected 2004/05 U.S. ending stocks are down 15 million bushels from last month as a 25-million-bushel increase in exports is partially offset by a 10-million-bushel drop in food

use. Exports are raised based on stronger than expected sales to date, higher global wheat imports, and lower exports from the EU-25. Lower food use is based on the recent mill grind estimates released by the Bureau of the Census. The market year average price is expected to average between \$3.20 and \$3.50 per bushel compared with \$3.40 for the 2003 crop.

Other Crops. Grain Sorghum production is forecast at 472 million bushels, up 15% from 2003. The **peanut crop** is forecast at 4.20 billion pounds, 1% above last year's crop.

Cattle. Mid-December **prices** for choice steers (Nebraska direct, 1100-1300 pounds) averaged \$84 per cwt, up \$2 from mid-November. Feeder steer prices (Oklahoma City, medium-large frame, 750-800 pounds) were roughly \$104 per cwt, down \$8 from a month earlier.

Hogs. Through the first two weeks of December, hog **slaughter** was running about 1.4% below a year ago. Cash **prices** at mid-December (Iowa-Southern Minnesota direct, 51-52% lean) averaged \$49 per cwt, down \$9 from the mid-November price. Fourth quarter prices are expected to average \$55 per cwt.